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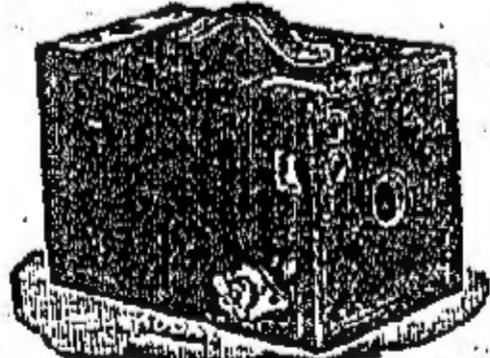
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tion in the amount of the monthly rent. On the contrary, we are assured that there are signs of a very appreciable, but not appreciated, increase in the landlords' levies. It is quite reasonable, having regard to the correct definition of dearness, to suggest that in regarding Hongkong house rents as excessive, the local rent payers are in error. All the same, such a suggestion will probably be received with both surprise and incredulity. It has to be remembered that there is more than one circumstance to take into reckoning. It is not a question only of supply and demand. Upkeep and repairs are more expensive than at Home, and it is by comparison with Home rates that the tenant here acquires the impression that he is being imposed upon. Then, too, the value of money being greater, the investor in house property has a natural right to expect returns to some degree commensurate with those enjoyed by the holders of other forms of investment.

Taking as examples the men of small income, the European clerk say, with salary at \$175 a month, he must pay, at Kowloon, for the most modest domicile suiting his condition, from \$56 to \$67 a month. The same person at Home would get a similarly appropriate dwelling for 30s. to £2 a month, but he would receive only, at the handsomest computation, something like £9 a month as salary. Thus, the margin left after the initial outlay to the Hongkong clerk is more than half his income, while at Home the balance available for other needs is considerably over the three-fourths. This would appear to demonstrate the truth of the statement as to the dearness of Hongkong rentals. What has been said must, however, be qualified in several important particulars. In arriving at Home figures, we have quoted provincial rents and maximum salaries. As a matter of fact, the \$175 and \$200 clerk at Hongkong would find keen competition for his Home situation at £5 a month; while in a city of the size and commercial importance of Hongkong he could not hope to find a conveniently situated house for anything like the rents we have mentioned. Train or bus fares would probably about balance the fitcha or chair expenses here, taking the figures in proportion. Keeping still to the same incomes, we may assume that the colonial clerk has the advantage. Many of his necessities, and more of his luxuries, are cheaper. He may, if he chooses, live better, and save more for a rainy day, than his desk-enslaved colleague at Home can ever hope to do. There is, of course, the question of domestic service. A wife cannot, if she would, play the drudge out here that she does at Home, so that the cost of servants' hire has to be faced by the married man of modest income. That he has so often, in Hongkong, to share his roof with others, to meet the rent difficulty, is a much less trying feature than the common necessity at Home, in like circumstances, of taking in lodgers. Considerations such as these should moderate some of the expressions of discontent so frequently heard locally.

The N.C. Daily News, replying to some observations recently made in this journal, appears to quarrel more with the style than the matter of our comments on municipal affairs in the northern port. This attitude is unusual with our contemporary, and scarcely consistent with its habitual dignity. However, we are indeed glad to hear that we were misinformed as to the revenue said to be derived from questionable sources; and that the charge against the Shanghai Council, which we quoted from another Shanghai paper, was a scurrilous one. Our contemporary has evidently slipped in characterising as an absurdity the supposition "that any police in the world would fix a date beforehand for a raid." We cannot believe that the Shanghai police fix the date after the event.

Small lots of Crown land will be auctioned at Tai-po on Thursday. Dr. George King of the Peking Syndicate, in Honan, North China, is reported to have died of pneumonia.

The weekly return of communicable diseases in the Colony shows one European case of scarlet fever and one Chinese case of smallpox.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 25th December, 1904, were 219 non-Chinese and 111 Chinese to the former, and 84 non-Chinese and 1307 Chinese to the latter institution.

We have received from Mr. Herbert L. Beer, of Weihaiwei, a report of the recent prize distribution at the school there. We quoted from the report after it appeared in the N.C. Daily News on December 5th. The report now reaches us in a particularly tasteful pamphlet printed at the N.C. Herald office.

Mr. A. Humphreys left for California yesterday, by the s.s. *Manchuria*, for change of climate.

A *Gazette Extraordinaire* issued yesterday contained an announcement by the Harbour Master that information had been received that the hulk *Eric J. Ray* was abandoned off the Pratas Reef on the 24th December, and is now derelict and a danger to navigation.

North China Daily News telegrams published on December 21st say that the captain of the Russian ship *Grossovoi*, on board the s.s. *Nigrodia* when that vessel was captured, had with him a lot of valuable charts and documents. He was on parole at Shanghai.

The demand by the Shanghai Taotai for the rendition of two Russian marines charged with murdering a Chinaman was telegraphically reported in this paper a week ago. The N.C. Daily News explains that he proposed to try them by "International law."

Two Austrian sailors were charged, before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Police Court yesterday morning, with behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner in Queen's Road Central on Boxing Day. They were each fine 18s. in default 14 days.

During the Christmas festivities an inebriated Jack Tar was taken to No. 7 Police Station where he accosted the Inspector on duty. "Say, boss, is this the Sailors' Home?" "No," replied the Inspector, "but it has been the home of many a sailor."

The Japanese papers were misled in reporting that the big life insurance claim at Yokohama (for yen 23,000) was against the New York Life. It appears that a Court official was responsible for the mistake. It now appears that the company concerned was the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. As we published the item from the Japan papers, we must publish this correction.

A Crown Lands sale was held at the Public Works Department yesterday, when Marine Lot No. 289, after keen competition, was knocked down to Messrs. Young, Tai Ngah and Fung Chun Yuen for \$128,200, being \$14,500 above the upset price: R. B. Lot No. 119, at Deep Water Bay, was sold to the Green Island Cement Company for \$806, being \$20 above the upset price.

The H.K.P.C. "A" team will play the Royal Engineers' Reserve team (Association) at Happy Valley this afternoon; kick-off at a quarter to five. The following will play for the Club: -Dr. Grover, goal; E. F. August and R. Henderson, backs; H. S. Kenett, C. A. Brown and A. Loureiro, halves; H. A. Seth, F. O. Davies, H. H. Taylor, J. Womass and T. Clarke, forwards.

The rumour of a Russian cruiser in Australian waters gains by the following: The *Chefoo Daily News* of the 18th inst. says that a letter received in Chefoo gives the surprising news that the Russian cruiser *Dionis* has turned up in an Australian port, having given the French at Saigon the slip. Our contemporary says that she will probably attempt to join the Baltic squadron; but in that case, the N.C. Daily News points out, she would hardly have selected a British port to start from.

With reference to the Shanghai Taotai's formal demand on the Russian Consul-General for the custody of the Russian sailors concerned in the murder of the Chinese Chou Seuk-yu the "Native Notes" writer in our Shanghai contemporary says there is one significant sentence, namely: "That these sailors, instead of being thankful for their good fortune in escaping from death and danger (at the hands of their foes), should on the contrary turn around and ruthlessly slay an unoffending person, is a crime of the blackest hue and deserving of the deepest indignation from everyone."

His Highness Prince Aziz Hassan, of Egypt, arrived at Kongmoon on Saturday night, the 17th instant, and the next morning paid a visit to the Chinese city. He was very much delighted in having his fortune told by a Chinaman, in one of the City temples. The Prince was accompanied by Mr. Deverla, of the I. M. Customs, and, coming back from the city, had lunch with Messrs. A. J. Busto and R. Baude, on the Customs Assistants' house-boat. Prince Aziz Hassan was, before leaving Kongmoon, the guest of Mr. Maze, acting Commissioner of Customs.

At the Police Court yesterday morning Mr. H. J. Gomperz remanded a case wherein Wong Chuk Yau was charged with attempting to commit forgery, in that he did forge a certificate in order to evade payment of \$100 poll tax, which is charged Asiatics who wish to enter the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, instructed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. H. Bruton appeared on behalf of the defendant, and applied for bail. This was allowed in the sum of \$10,000.

The following advt from the *Matrimonial Gazette* has local interest: "English Gentleman, 28, tall, fair, and considered good-looking, residing and holding good appointment in the largest and healthiest port in China, desires correspondence with an English lady, with a view to matrimony. She must not object to residence in the Far East, and musical ability, dancing, riding, driving, conversation, tennis, golf, and interest in sport generally is desirable. Good style, looks, and figure essential. Private means a consideration, but not altogether necessary. Photographs exchanged. Address in first instance in strict confidence to M.S.A., The British Post Office, Shanghai, China."

Telegraphing from Tokyo on Dec. 21st, the N.C. Daily News correspondent reported that the N.Y.K.S. *Owari Maru*, 1016 tons gross, was driven ashore in a gale at Nemuro in Hokkaido. All on board were saved.

A Tientsin native paper states that certain Germans have lately been purchasing horses in Laramiao, the great mart in Mongolia, and have already sent about a hundred towards Mukden way. As these Germans say that they desire to purchase five hundred more it has aroused the suspicion of the Waiwu and steps have been taken to prevent this violation of neutrality.

The N.C. Daily News says:—The leakage of documents from Chinese yamen is constant and universal, but it has seldom been as noticeable as it is in the case of the Taotai's yamen at the present time. Copies of letters and despatches appear in the native Press sometimes before they have reached the people to whom they are addressed, and there seems to be little or no control exercised over the underlings in the administrative authorities.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN MILLENNIUM.

LONDON, 27th December.

The Tsar's manifesto promises an extension of local representation on the zemstvos; state insurance for workmen; unification of legal procedure; and the circumscription of the discretionary power at present vested in the administrative authorities.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

COLLIERS DISCHARGING AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, 25th December.

The colliers *Yeddo* and *Claverly* for Mozambique with 10,000 tons of coal have discharged their cargoes at Port Said. A German steamer is taking on part of the coal to an unknown destination.

THE WAR.

(N.C. Daily News Service.)

JAPANESE PROGRESS AT PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 26th December.

The occupation of the north fort on East Chikuanshan implies a gap in the north-east section of the *encinte* and brings the Japanese nearer to the Chinese walls, which are four metres thick.

EAST CHIKUANSHAN.

TOKYO, 21st December.

The Japanese ca-nalise in the capture of the north fort on East Chikuanshan (Cockscomb Hill) are estimated at about four hundred.

Its occupation is almost as valuable as that of the 203-metre hill, as it facilitates the plunging cross-fire of the Japanese into the eastern inner harbour, which is now brought within three thousand metres. So far, no counter-attacks by the Russians have been reported.

The Tokyo papers predict an early onslaught on Signal Hill, the top of which is not much more than a hundred and forty yards in front of East Chikuanshan.

RUSSIAN REPORTS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

CHENGFOO, 19th December.

The open boat which arrived at Chefoo on the 18th was a man-of-war's boat, and brought the Commander of a battleship, who is a messenger from General Stissel, and who was wounded in the leg in the assault on 203-metre hill. He was accompanied by a naval officer and six sailors.

He stated that they left Liotsian at 7 p.m. on the 13th inst. in the face of a furious snow-storm, and arrived at Chefoo after seventeen hours' struggle. Most of the crew of the man-of-war at Port Arthur have been landed, and only a small number of men has been left on each ship.

The *Sebastopol* alone has her full crew on board, the other man-of-war having been compelled by General Stissel, notwithstanding the protests of Admiral Wrenius, to land their heavy guns for use in the forts.

The fight for 203-metre hill lasted a fortnight, and the Russians lost about 2,500 men, the Japanese losses having been much heavier.

In the first attack on the hill, when the Japanese crept up the slope in the face of a furious fire, and hoisted their flag on the summit, a Russian non-commissioned officer, named Peter Constantinovich, dashed to the place, seized the flag, and began to tear it to pieces with his teeth, but was shot dead on the spot.

The second attack was the most severe, the Russians and the Japanese firing at each other with their rifles touching each other's breasts.

In the third attack, the Japanese poured kerosene oil on the breastworks and set them on fire, compelling the Russians to retreat.

Still the 203-metre hill is not yet fully occupied by the Japanese, whose unique bravery the Russians can hardly find words to praise.

During the fighting on the hill, a Japanese private hoisted a flag and dashed into the Russian line with it. He was shot dead, but the flag was raised again by another, who was also shot, and this went on until eight men were shot, one after another. The Russian commander on the spot was so moved at the sight of this bravery that he ordered his men not to shoot the flag-bearer, as the Japanese would not yield a step unless the flag was hoisted with his teeth, but was shot dead on the spot.

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None of the man-of-war in the harbour were sunk by the Japanese fire, but the Russians sank them all to the deck to protect them from the Japanese fire, but some of them unshipped their masts and landed their guns. It is true that some of them have been damaged, but the damage is all repairable.

General Stissel was slightly wounded but has completely recovered.

Many officers were killed and wounded in the fighting at 203-metre hill, but Generals Smirnov and Balashoff have not been hurt.

There are some sixteen thousand combatants at Port Arthur, of whom eight thousand are in hospital.

The garrison of the forts has no rest, but is under arms night and day. Wounded men from the hospitals are on duty in their bandages.

Generals Smirnov and Kondratovich are in the forts commanding the troops night and day.

Though the Japanese torpedo flotilla approached the harbour entrance almost every night, General Stissel has ordered the forts not to waste on them—the ammunition provided for the defence, and the *Sebastopol* was detailed to come out of the harbour to attack the Japanese torpedo-boats, and she has already sunk three or four of them.

One of them is sunk near the harbour entrance, and her mast is visible above water.

Admiral Wrenius was slightly wounded in the arm the first time he came out of the harbour on board the *Sebastopol*, and was to return to the *Retisian* the next morning.

Admiral Roschincky, on board the *Otviznyj*, is directing the operations of laying mines and sweeping the sea in preparation for the arrival of the Baltic fleet.

The fleet did not attempt a sortie when it was suffering from the Japanese fire because most of the ships have landed their heavy guns for use in the forts.

It is stated that the Russian Commander was greatly surprised to learn that the Baltic fleet was still off the African coast, it being believed at Port Arthur that the fleet would arrive at the end of the year.

Apparently there was no room for criticism when Charles Newman was hanged on December 19th, 1878.

GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

HONGKONG, 24th December.

GENERAL ORDERS.—Arrivals.—No. 207. One 2nd Class Hospital Assistant arrived on 20th instant per s.s. *Gregory Apex* from Calcutta for duty with H.K.S.B. R.G.A. The undermentioned Officers arrived on 22nd instant per s.s. *Roon* from Colombo. 2nd R. West Kent Regt. Lieut. J. T. W. Flemmings (For duty), Lieut. E. H. Norman and Lieut. A. H. Pulman, en route for N. China.

GARRISON ORDERS.—More.—No. 2. The 110th Malabar L. I. will return to barracks on the 6th proximo from Camp. Arrangements to be made with the O. C. Transport. Coal issue.—No. 3. Owing to the present cold and damp weather the General Officer Commanding authorises an issue of coal where the same can be utilised for two weeks under para IV. See IV. Local Regulations. To all Indian troops in Garrison. The scale of issue will be 120 lbs. for every ten men. Field Firing.—No. 4. Field firing will be carried out by the 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. on the slopes West of Shatin Pass on the 28th instant.

By Order,
A. C. CHESTER, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

CALENDARS.

The North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. (Agents, Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co.) send a calendar for the desk. Mr. W. H. T. Davis, manager of the Hongkong Branch of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., No. 10, Des Vieux Road Central, has sent us a calendar.

The Company effects insurance against fire, marine loss and accident, as well as issuing life insurance policies. The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co., Ltd. have prepared attractive calendars showing views of the s.s. *Empire*, a popular liner on the Hongkong-Australia and Japan run. Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co. are agents of the line at Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai. Another calendar shows a pretty view of the *Boa Vista* Hotel, of Macao—the Sanatorium of South China.

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HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones, the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin, Col. W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. F. J. Baddeley, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rumjahn, Mr. H. F. Pollock, K.C.P., Dr. F. Clarke, Dr. H. Macfarlane, Dr. P. Barnett and Mr. Dunn (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

A MOTION.

The PRESIDENT, pursuant to notice, moved that the Board, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, appoint Police Sergeant Robert Fenton, a Sanitary Inspector for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the by-laws for the "Prevention or mitigation of epidemic, endemic or contagious disease."

Mr. LAU CHU PAK seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

CHINESE METHOD OF SLAUGHTERING.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, in a minute to the Board, wrote:—The large animals, water buffaloes, are shot at Kennedy Town by a service rifle and at Hungloum by a Winchester carbine. These are used by the Inspector only.

Pattern hammers were made locally after the English pattern, but were not a great success. The butchers had not the dexterity required. A heavier and modified form was substituted and these now work satisfactorily.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT minuted—I should like to have an official statement from the C.V.S. that the present pattern of hammers is of the best pattern suitable for use here. What we have to aim at is that animals slaughtered for food are done to death as humanely, and with as little pain as possible.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon again minuted.—The hammer in use produces complete unconsciousness instantaneously, and is, so far as I know, the most suitable weapon for use by Chinese butchers. The effectiveness in producing death with a minimum of suffering is quite equal to the English pattern. The reason why the English pattern was not a success is that the English butcher strikes his blow with a swing as in golf playing, whereas the Chinese butcher strikes his blow overhead in the same way as a fore hammer is used by a blacksmith. The English pattern was therefore too light for use here by Chinese unless with a training that would inflict an infliction of suffering which it was our object to avoid.

OPEN SPACE.

There was an application for a modification of the requirements of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in respect of No. 8, Chung Ching Street.

The PRESIDENT moved, Mr. A. RUMJAHN seconded, and it was agreed that the application be granted.

REBUILDING OLD HOUSES.

Another application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 104, Jervois Street, and Nos. 8 and 10, Cleverly Street. The owner of these houses contemplated rebuilding the premises, and applied for exemption from provision of backyards as the houses would be fronting Jervois Street with Cleverly Street along the side and Kwai Wa Lane for a portion of the back. The houses were intended for a good class of tenants—not cows.

Mr. Perkins, of the P.W.D., minuted that the case was exceptional, as the owner was being forced to pull down the present premises under notice from the Public Works Department. Therefore, it seemed harsh when they were forcing a man to rebuild the entire place, to also subject him to penalties for so doing by restricting his available building area. He would suggest that if a fire-proof door was erected as a floor for the first floor the building might be exempted from open space on the ground floor which was practically shops, and that an open space of at least 100 square feet for the rest of the building be insisted on.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., in a minute, recommended that under the exceptional circumstances the Board require a yard of restricted area, about 100 square feet. This would involve no great hardship, the yard he suggested being less than one tenth of the site.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—Why is the owner being forced to pull down the building?

The Hon. D.P.W. minuted—Walls, in a dangerous condition, and after much pressure the architects agreed to pull down the entire premises, but pressed that some modification should be given in view of the fact that Government was insisting on pulling down the house which they held was not seriously defective.

The proposals are for really improved premises to those that exist at present, and the modification recommended by the M.O.H. should be granted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board approve the application with such modifications as recommended by the M.O.H.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LANE AREA.

A third application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of Nos. 26, 28, 30, and 32, First Street. It was an application to allow a lane at the rear of the mentioned houses to count towards the open areas as required by the Ordinance. The applicant also asked for exemption from the provisions of a scavenging lane, as an open lane of ten feet in width had been provided entirely by the owner of the property.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., recommended that all that portion of the lane in excess of six feet in width required by the Ordinance be allowed to count as open space in the rear, provided that a wall in the plan be removed.

The Hon. D.P.W. minuted—I agree with the M.O.H.

The PRESIDENT moved that the application be granted subject to the terms mentioned in the M.O.H.'s minute.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN seconded, and it was agreed to.

THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION.

There was also an application for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 18, Caine Road. It was an application to erect a kitchen on the roof of the house.

Dr. B. Barnett, assistant M.O.H., in a minute, did not recommend exemption, as he thought it would form a bad precedent, and if the land in the rear was built over such a kitchen would obstruct the air from such houses. He thought that if a closed stove were used in the present kitchen the occupants of the house would not suffer from a smoky chimney.

Messrs. E. A. Hewett and the Captain Superintendent of Police minuted—Refuse.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—I agree with the assistant M.O.H. Is not the building in the European Reservation?

The Hon. D. P. W. minuted—This building is not in the European Reservation, but this does not affect the matter.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN—I think it is in the European Reservation.

The Hon. Mr. JONES—No, that is on the other side of the road.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—All Caine Road is in the European Reservation.

The PRESIDENT moved, the Hon. Mr. BREWIN seconded, and it was agreed that the application be refused.

FIVE STOREY HOUSES.

A further application was made for a modification of the requirements in respect of a building on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 402 Robinson Road.

This application was in respect of Station Hotel. The applicant desired to erect five storey wings at the rear of the building.

His Honour, after hearing the evidence, found the defendants to be partners in the Tai Lung firm, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff firm with costs.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 27th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERcombe SMITH (Puisne Judge).

THE PO YIK FIRM V. AU CHUN SANG AND OTHERS.

This was a claim for \$264.79 made by the Po Yik firm, rice merchants, 172, Wing Lok Street; against Au Chun Sang, Au Young Shan and Au Young Cheong alias Au Yung, formerly partners in the Tai Lung firm, of No. 356, Des Voeux Road West, on account of goods sold and delivered. The plaintiff also claimed the costs of the action.

Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for the plaintiff firm; Mr. Berlow for the third defendant; and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the first defendant. The second defendant was not represented, and was absent from court when the case was called.

Mr. Thomson said the only question was whether the defendants had been really partners in the Tai Lung firm. He would prove that they had been, and that the second defendant was the managing partner. They had made payments to the plaintiff firm on various occasions, but when a member of the

plaintiff firm visited the Tai Lung firm to collect money on the 31st October he found the shop closed and only the second defendant on the premises. The second defendant gave full particulars as to who were partners in the Tai Lung firm. The third defendant subsequently, with reference to payment of the money owed by the defendants to the plaintiff firm, said he owned but a small share in the business, and would have to see the others first.

His Honour, after hearing the evidence, found the defendants to be partners in the Tai Lung firm, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff firm with costs.

THE HO FAT KEE T. LI KAN TAI.

The plaintiff in this action claimed \$130 plus \$10,50, \$10 being costs and \$30 expense on account of a bullock. Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of contractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's Road East, The defendant, a junk owner whose junk is under arrest, appeared in person. The plaintiff alleged that the money had been lent by him to the defendant.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., minuted—I think that the new plan may be accepted.

Mr. A. Rumjahn minuted—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—The acceptability of this plan seems to depend upon the probability of the neighbouring lot owners not making as much use as they can of their lots. This is not very likely. What does the community gain and what does it lose by accepting this plan?

The PRESIDENT—The community gains an addition of 400 square feet around the building which could not be insisted upon.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I do not think it worth it. I do not think the benefit is worth allowing an extra storey to exclude light and increase surface crowding.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY—The matter goes to the Governor in Council.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I move the Board decline to recommend, and leave the matter for the consideration of the Government. It is an exceptions thing for houses to exceed four storeys here. They ought to give some reason for the rule to be relaxed. The M.O.H. says that 400 feet will be given to increase in height the building. I think four storeys high enough for any building.

Mr. F. Clarke—It is going to be a European building.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT—It may later be converted into a Chinese hotel.

Mr. F. Clarke—I second the (Mr. BREWIN's) motion.

The motion was carried.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.

The report presented at the ninth ordinary meeting held at Shanghai on December 23rd, was as follows:

The General Managers submit a statement of accounts to 31st October, 1904, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date.

At the opening of the financial year in November, 1903, cotton could be bought on reasonable terms, but it gradually advanced in price up to April, from which date the higher level established was maintained until August, supported chiefly by heavy demand for export caused by the shortage in the American crop. Notwithstanding this, the Mill production was sold at a profit for the first six months, when owing to the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia our Northern outlets were practically closed to us, and with accumulating stocks and interest' thereon profits disappeared.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, including the sum brought forward from last year, amounts to Tls. 12,547.46, next it is proposed to carry forward to next account.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with Article XVII, the members of the Consulting Committee retire, but all are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—During the absence of Mr. George Wingrove, the accounts of the Company have been audited by Mr. W. H. Anderson on his behalf. The re-election of Mr. Wingrove to the position of Auditor requires the confirmation of the shareholders.

JADFINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Managers, Shanghai, 6th December, 1904.

The accounts are as follows:—

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st October, 1904.

STABILISERS. Tls.

Capital—Authorised 20,000 shares at Tls. 100—1,000,000 subscribed 15,000

at Tls. 50—750,000.00

Surplus—1,000,000—367,893.54

Accounts payable—372,000.00

Uncollected dividend—13,464.37

Sundry creditors—2,306.00

Profit and loss—12,947.36

Tls. 1,053,916.38

ASSETS. Tls.

Property—138,629.55

Buildings—292,382.50

Plant—367,893.54

Water supply—4,220.81

Furniture—3,433.87

Mill stores—14,107.79

Cotton stock—36,792.48

Cotton yarn in process—43,759.00

Yarn stock—116,045.13

Unexpired fire insurance premiums—5,273.68

Rates and taxes—419.15

Accounts receivable—19,004.32

Advances against seed section—11,329.10

Tls. 1,053,946.39

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Tls.

To interest—34,152.50

To fire insurance—16,152.73

To rates and taxes—5,39.39

To repairs and renewals—12,425.28

To directors' fees—3,000.00

To General Managers' commission on net profits 10 per cent. on Tls. 1,321.92—132.19

Tls. 12,844.76

Tls. 88,976.90

Cr. By balance from last year—11,655.3

By balance of working account—71,137.39

By transfer—66.14

By excess provision in last year's account with reduction in capital—218.43

Tls. 88,790

MEXICAN CURRENCY.

The scheme for a reform of the currency which was presented by the Minister of Finance to the Mexican Congress had been expected for some time past. Soon after the success of the Indian currency reform was fully recognised, Mexico took steps to investigate the monetary question in the new light afforded by the experience of the Indian scheme. A small Commission of Mexican experts in finance visited the United States and Europe, and the result of their investigations was the recommendation of some scheme which should practically place the Mexican currency on a gold basis. Considerable objections were raised to this proposal in certain quarters, and the introduction of the measure by the Minister of Finance is regarded as an indication that the scheme is now supported in the highest circles; indeed, private advices from Mexico go so far as to say that the projected law is expected to come into force on January 1 next. The monetary unit will be fixed at 50 cents gold, or, practically, 2s. per dollar. Presumably a new coin will be minted for the purpose of internal circulation; but the old Mexican dollar will, it is believed, continue to be minted upon full security being given that the demand is only for export purposes. As these coins are so largely used in the Far East, the continuance of this will afford a ready channel for getting rid of surplus supplies of Mexican silver. The change, if carried through, will not, it is thought, have so important an effect upon Mexican business as might have been expected. The recent improvement in the price of silver has raised the value of the Mexican dollar in the past two years from 1s. 1d. to 2s. 4d., at which latter figure it has stood since October 28, so that the fixing of the new dollar at 2s. will involve a rise of 4 to 5 per cent. in the value of the currency. Exporters of goods from Mexico should not feel the change very keenly, whilst as it might have been expected, the effect upon Mexican business as might have been expected. The recent improvement in the price of silver has raised the value of the Mexican dollar in the past two years from 1s. 1d. to 2s. 4d., at which latter figure it has stood since October 28, so that the fixing of the new dollar at 2s. will involve a rise of 4 to 5 per cent. in the

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H. WEISMANN,

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3001]

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JOHN HASTINGS.

Solicitor.

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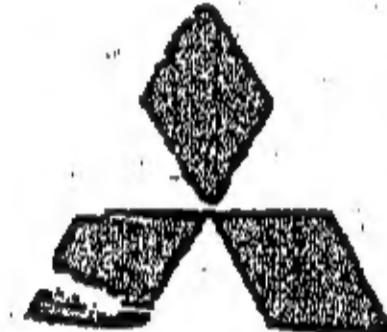
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Apply to—SECRETARY.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. (2993)

CHILDLIKE COSSACKS.

Among the many soldiers' tales received from the front there is the following delightful narration published in the *Sarafot Listok*, in the actual words of a Cossack, and teeming with native humour.

"Don't believe, sir, all that Nikifor tells you; you know he hails from the village of Kebekoffka, the people of which, all and sundry, are famous as braggarts, and he tells lies, just like all the rest. But I will tell you the truth of the affair. I come from Kebekoffka. Well we were with the whole division as it retreated from Saim-nutsi. After we had gone a day's march we were dislodged and formed small detachments. Nikifor, Pams, and I were sent off to reconnoitre. The sun was going down, so we halted and entrenched ourselves as well as we could. The scent of flowers was all around us. Manchuria is indeed a heathen land, and therefore I will—still, it is a lovely place. Before we laid ourselves down to rest, we thought we would take a bath in a little river that ran before us at a distance of about a couple of hundred paces. You know, we Orthodox must have our bath. We had gone only a few steps when we observed about a dozen almond-eyed yellow-skins. The devil only knows where the rascals had come from, but there they were, just as if they had popped up out of the ground. True is it that the yellow-skins are not the worst enemies, although they are so sly and artful. We were not exactly frightened on seeing the enemy in larger numbers than ourselves; all the same, it became unpleasant when the advance against us at a sharp trot. What was to be done? We had left our rifles and bayonets behind. There was no help for it; we must try to get the better of the yellow-skins by camping. So, while the Japanese were hidden in a small ravine as they were coming up, we hid ourselves. Pans climbed up big tree, growing most conveniently, and disappeared among its branches; I crept into a large thicket, and Nikifor ran down to the river and hid himself so carefully among the boulders that he could scarcely be seen. We managed to hide ourselves only just in the nick of time, for the almond-eyed foe came up and halted just in front of the thicket in which I was concealed. Then, in their heathen language, which no honest Christian understands (Nikifor says he 'can make out what they say,' but Nikifor comes from Kebekoffka), the little yellow rascals held a council of war. Before I could repeat three 'Pater-nosters' the yellow devils had settled what they would do. Nine of them rode off in various directions, while the tenth, who seemed to be in command, stationed himself so close to my thicket that I could almost have seized him in my arms. I cursed my lot in not having my rifle with me, for it would have been so easy just to have settled the rascal with one thrust of my bayonet. I dared scarcely breathe as I kept my eye on the foe. How trim and clean he was in a brand-new uniform with facings of rich embroidery in gold."

"All at once the Japanese took a piece of paper out of his pocket and opened it out, and I don't know how he did it—in a twinkling he had turned the paper into a drinking-cup. Then he walked down to the river, took a deep breath, filled his paper goblet with the refreshing water, and bore it to his lips. I envied him that draught. As I watched him and saw that the draught was greatly to his liking, I could not help calling out to him, like a good Christian, 'Good health! Great heavens! What was the result of my doing so?' That Japanese pulled a whistle out of his pocket, blew a shrill blast on it, and in a twinkling up popped his comrades from all sides; they dragged me out of the thicket and handed me over. Well, while I was considering how I could manage to give them the slip, Nikifor called to me from the river-bank. 'Ivan, you surely are not going to surrender to those fellows.' Then down he popped his silly head; but he was too late. If he had not betrayed himself by calling out, the Japanese would never have found him. As it was, they went after him and returned to me dragging Nikifor along. It served him right for interfering in my affairs without being asked to give his opinion. So the Japanese made ready to take us away with them. Just as we were moving off, Pans called out mockingly from his hiding-place in the treepot: 'Oh, you fatheads, you fatheads, if only you had kept your tongues quiet!' Our comrade's scorn coming from his hiding-place made us mad with rage; we wanted to get at him. But the Japanese, the yellow heathens, broke out into hideous laughter, and then one of them skipped up the tree, and dislodged the shame-faced Pans by pricking him with a bayonet. We were marched off to pass the night with our captors, who did not let the laugh over us for very long, for on the morrow we managed to escape from them."

—The plain of the War Correspondents who have been sent empty away by the Japanese is handled severely in *Blackwood*. The correspondent complains that he cannot "do his work." What work, pray, has he to do? *Magazin*.

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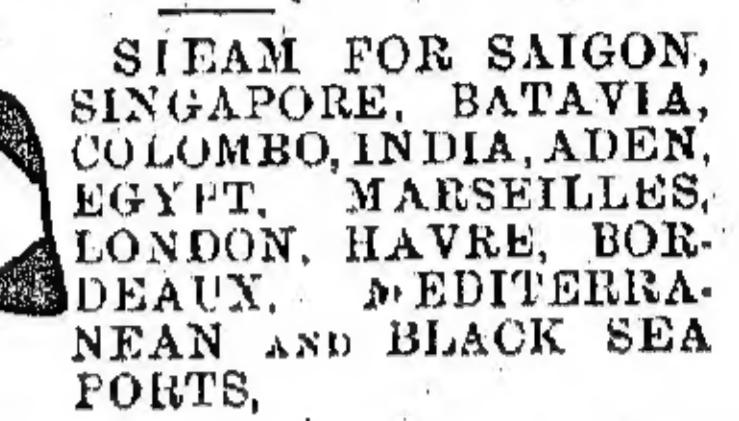
"GISELA"

Captain Dimitrovich will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., P.M.
For information as to Passage and Freight,
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SANDER WIELER & CO.,
Agents,
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904.

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DEAUX, EDITERRA-

NEAN AND BLACK SEA

PORTS,

THE Steamship

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Captain Charbonnel will be despatched for

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January, 1905, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading

issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in

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Next sailings will be as follows:

S.S. "AUSTRALIEN" 24th January, 1905.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS.

About

S.S. "RAS ISFA" ... 20th Jan., 1905.

S.S. "CLAYVERDALE" ... 30th Jan., 1905.

For freight and further information apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1904.

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST).

THE Steamship

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will be despatched as above on or about the

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For freight & further information, apply to

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Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904.

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THE Undesignated GENERAL AGENTS

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OF LADING for all the principal ports in

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For freight and further particulars,

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"

Captain T. Austin, R.N.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong, on

Week Days at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays,

at 8.30 A.M.: Departs from Macao on Week Days

about 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARES (week day) 1st Class \$3, Return Ticket \$5.

2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

Every Sunday will be on excursion, at the

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1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket \$1, Return

\$2. 3rd Class, Single 30 cents, Return

50 cents, Steerage 10 cents.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on

board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning

Passengers only, at an extra charge of \$2.

On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a

Private Cabin, which has accommodation for

two or more Passengers, will be charged \$3 extra.

First Class Passengers who do not care to

return on the excursion Sunday, will be allowed

to do so the following day (Monday) on production

of the Return Half Ticket. Should the

Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the

Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the

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for the following day.

The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the

Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO.

2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1904.

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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"XING KING"

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The cuisine unexcelled.

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Meals ... 1.00 each.

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of Wing Lok Street.

YUK ON S.S. CO., LTD.

No. 216, Wing Lok Street.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into four sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENLOMOND	Brit. str.	—	Clark	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 10th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOTUNE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Charbonnel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIMA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Ch. D. C. D.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	DUMBEA	Frenstr.	—	von Hoff	MESSENGERS MARITIMES	On 10th Jan., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	SEYDLITZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	Porzelus	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Damjanovich	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Standard Oil Co.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMIA	Aus. str.	k. w.	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GISILA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	Portland & Asiatic S. S. Co.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SENPA	Brit. str.	—	Edmondson	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	R. S. ISSA	Brit. str.	—	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Robinson	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 25th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPERESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. Beetham, R.N.E.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 20th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FELTIS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Barwise	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TRIEMONT	Brit. str.	—	Dodwell & Co., Limited	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th Jan., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	—	Portland & Asiatic S. S. Co.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Butterfield & Swire	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		

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FROM STEAMERS DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "PRIAM" ... On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL... "WRAYCASTLE" ... On 5th January.

HOMEBWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE" ... On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYSON" ... On 17th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR" ... On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM" ... On 31st January.
Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.	

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PELEUS" ... On 28th December.
For freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"TAIWAN" ... On 28th December.
KOBE	"KASHING" ... On 29th December.
MANILA	"TAMING" ... On 3rd January.
POR DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN" ... On 20th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

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STEAMERS. 1904

	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SEYDLITZ
ROON
BAYERN
ZIETEN
SACHSEN
PRINZESS ALICE
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD
PREUSSEN
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at NOON, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ", Captain C. Dewar, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL.

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
S.S. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
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S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
S.S. "CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila.	Sat., 31st Dec., 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila.	Sat., 7th Jan., 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of January	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January
TJILATJAP	JAVA PORTS	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of January
TJIMAH	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of February

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports or through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY OF THE
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor,
Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SITHONIA"

Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY, the 23rd inst.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst., at 3 P.M.

No fire insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKAN LINIE,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID,
ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG,
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings cargo:

From Levant ex s.s. Amphitrite, transhipped at Port Said.

From Venet ex s.s. Venus, transhipped at Trieste.

From Trieste ex s.s. Imperator, transhipped at Bombay.

From Zanzibar ex s.s. Koerber, transhipped at Aden.

Optional cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before noon, on the 30th December, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th December, will be subject to rent.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Steamship

"ROON"

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of opium, treasure and valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M., To-DAY, the 22nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 5th January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

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BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SATSUMA" FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where, in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from craft or Godown on and after the 26th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 29th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The public are requested to post their local New Year Cards early. Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of New Year Cards. Cards which are sealed or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Postage rate. The 2nd and 3rd of January 1905, having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one Delivery and one Collection on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon: Cosmopolitan Dock ... 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. 4.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m. Hung Hom Dock ... 9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m. Yau Ma Tei Police station ... 9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m. Gas Works ... 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Cameran Road ... 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The Auspicious, with the French mail of the 26th November, left Saigon on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd October.

The Correspondent, with the English Mail of the 2nd December, left Singapoore on Sunday, the 25th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on about Saturday, the 31st inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

	F.C.R.	P.E.R.	DATE.
Canton			Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao			Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)			Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M.
Athenian			Registration, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok			Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.
Macao			Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Heungshan			Wednesday, 28th, 1.00 P.M.
Foungang			Wednesday, 28th, 1.45 P.M.
G. Apac			Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Java			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Kwang			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Taiwan			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Koshing			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Taihuan			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Fatshan			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Hongkong			Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Wingchau			Thursday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.
Hankow			Thursday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.
Haiching			Thursday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Kwongsing			Thursday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Pocong			Thursday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Fatshan			Friday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.
Wingchau			Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Lokhang			Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Loongsang			Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Honam			Friday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club Germania, Club House, 5.30 p.m. Pollard's Lilliputian Open Co., Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

27th December

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/114
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/114
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/114
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/114
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/114
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/114
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	244
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2471
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	198
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	478
	Credits, 60 days' sight	481
ON ROMANIA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1442
	Bank, on demand	1443
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1444
	Bank, on demand	1444
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	713
	Private, 30 days' sight	723
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	934
ON MANILA.—	On demand	21 p.m.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	116
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	116
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	1 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	1 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	61
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.20	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$64.10	
BAR SILVER, def. cl.	28	

OPIUM.

27th December.

Quotations are—Allow 10 cent to 1 cent. Malwa New ... \$1070 to \$1090 per picul. Malwa Old ... \$1140 to \$1160 " Malwa Older ... \$1260 to \$1220 " Malwa V. Old ... \$1250 to \$1270 " Persian quality \$870 to — Persian extra fine \$900 to — Patna New ... \$1150 to — per cwt. Patna Old ... \$ — to — Benares New ... \$1105 to — Benares Old ... \$ — to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Austridion* left Saigon on the 24th Dec. at 3 p.m. and is due here to-day. THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Cronstrand* left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec. at noon, and is due here on the 31st Dec. about noon.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Sedlitz* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th Dec. p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 3rd Jan.

The I.G.M. steamer *Bayern* left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 5th Jan.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *Korea*; from San Francisco to the 3rd Dec. via Honolulu left Yokohama for this port on the 25th Dec. a.m., via Kobe, etc.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The A.L. steamer *Gisela* left Shanghai for this port on the 24th Dec. etc.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenroyal* left Singapore on the 22nd Dec., and is due here to-day.

The N.C.M. steamer *Tatman*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here to-day.

The C. & M. steamer *Rubi* left Amoy on the 27th Dec. at 2 p.m., and is due here to-day at 3 p.m.

The steamer *Shimosa* left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Priam* left Singapore on the 24th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 30th Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer *Aradica*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec. p.m., and is due here on the 31st Dec.

The Boston U.S. Co.'s steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 13th Dec.

The steamer *Lowther Castle* left New York on the 5th Dec.

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